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TAGS: PARM, NATO, MBFR
SUBJECT: MBFR: WORKING GROUP ANALYSIS OF NEW EASTERN DATA

REF: (A) USNATO 4621 DTG 091608Z MAY 78,
- (B) USNATO 4379 DTG 281920Z APR 78
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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF CORRIGENDUM TO AC/276-WP(78)1
OF 28 APRIL. CORRIGENDUM HAS BEEN REVISED AS APPROPRIATE
TO CORRELATE TO TEXT AS TRANSMITTED IN REF B.
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2. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT UK WHILE AGREEING WITH
FIGURES SUPPLIED BY US MAY HAVE ALTERNATIVE EXPLANATIONS
FOR THE SOURCES OF THE DISCREPANCIES. UK MOD REP ON THE
MBFR WG WILL BE VISITING NATO 11 MAY TO DISCUSS UK
POSITION.
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3. BEGIN TEXT OF CORRIGENDUM TO WG ANALYSIS OF NEW
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EASTERN GROUND MANPOWER:
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AT THE MEETING ON 2 MAY OF THE MBFR WORKING GROUP IT WAS
AGREED THAT THE WORKING PAPER AC/276-WP(78)1 AS AMENDED
COULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL AS THE WORKING GROUP'S
PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF EASTERN GROUND FORCE DATA IN
RESPONSE TO PART I OF THE MANDATE TO THE WORKING GROUP

SUBJECT TO ACCEPTANCE BY THE SILENCE PROCEDURE UNTIL CLOSE
OF BUSINESS TUESDAY 16 MAY 1978.

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PARA TWO. IN ORDER TO PROVIDE MORE TIME FOR CAPITALS TO
REVIEW THE CHANGES AGREED AD REFERENDUM AT THE MEETING, A
LIST OF THE AMENDMENTS FOLLOWS:

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PAGE 2, CHANGE TITLE TO READ: ANALYSIS OF GROUND FORCE
DATA PRESENTED BY THE EAST.

PAGE 2, PARA 3, FIRST LINE INSERT: GROUND FORCE, AFTER
ADDITIONAL.

- PARA 5(A) CHANGE THINGS TO READ NUMBERS.

- PARA 6 IN THIRD SENTENCE ADD S TO ADJUSTMENT.

PAGE 3, PARA 7 LAST LINE ADD (1) AND ADD FOOTNOTE (1):

THIS FIGURE TAKES ACCOUNT OF THE EXCLUSION BY THE EAST OF
THE SEA LANDING DIVISION (4,600 MEN). IT SHOULD BE NOTED
THAT THIS QUESTION HAS NOT YET BEEN ADDRESSED BY NATO AND
THE EXCLUSION IS THEREFORE NOT NECESSARILY AGREED.

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PARA 8, CHANGE SECOND SENTENCE TO READ: INTELLIGENCE ERROR
ALONE CANNOT ACCOUNT FOR THE ENTIRE ETC.

PARA 8, LAST LINE CHANGE (1) TO READ (2) AND RE-NUMBER
FOOTNOTE ACCORDINGLY.

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FOOTNOTE (3): DELETE ALL AFTER 46,865.

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PAGE 4, PARA 9. FIRST SENTENCE CHANGE SERVICEMEN TO READ
PERSONNEL. AFTER CIVILIANS ADD E.G. DRIVERS, COOKS,
STOREMEN, MESS WAITERS AND THE LIKE.
MOVE SECTION ANALYSING GDR DATA TO FOLLOW ANALYSIS OF
POLISH DATA AND RE-NUMBER PARAS. 11 - 18 ACCORDINGLY.

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NEW PARA 18, FIRST SENTENCE CORRECT EXCLUDING TO READ
EXCLUDING AND CHANGE SERVICEMEN TO READ PERSONNEL.

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DELETE TEXT IN BRACKETS AT TOP OF PAGE 5. (PARA 12)

PAGE 5, IN NEW PARA 12 LINE 10, CHANGE FORCES TO READ
ORGANISATIONS AND ADD (1) AFTER WEAPONS.

ADD FOOTNOTE (1): AC/276-D(76)3, 19 NOV 76.

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PAGE 6, NEW PARA 14 CHANGE TO READ: TO PROBE THIS
ASPECT OF EASTERN COUNTING RULES, ALLIED NEGOTIATORS
HAVE ASKED NUMEROUS SPECIFIC QUESTIONS SOME OF WHICH
ARE YET TO BE ANSWERED. THE EASTERN RESPONSES TO DATA
LEAVE LITTLE DOUBT, ETC.

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NEW PARA 15, IN LINE 4, ADD SHOULD DEEM AFTER REPRESENT-
ATIVES AND DELETE DEEMED.

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PAGE 7, PARA 19, DELETE THIRD AND FOURTH SENTENCE FROM
IF WE ASSUME TO ARE TOO LOW.

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PARAS 22 AND 23, CHANGE SERVICEMEN TO READ PERSONNEL.

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PAGE 8, PARA 25, LINE 5, CHANGE CAN TO READ COULD.

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PARA 26, CHANGE SERVICEMEN TO READ MILITARY PERSONNEL.

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PARA 27, CHANGE SERVICEMEN TO READ PERSONNEL.

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PAGES 9-10, COMBINE PARAS 34 AND 35 AND RE-NUMBER 28.

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COMBINE PARAS 31 AND 32 AS PARA 32.

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DELETE PARA 36; COMBINE PARAS 33 AND 37 AS PARA 33 AND
RE-NUMBER EXISTING PARAS 28-38 ACCORDINGLY AS PARAS 29-34.

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PAGE 9, NEW PARA 29, FIRST LINE SHOULD READ CATEGORIES OF
PERSONNEL APPARENTLY EXCLUDED BY THE EAST ARE:

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SUB-PARA (2) SHOULD READ: THE SO-CALLED PART-TIME PERSONNEL
ETC.

NEW PARA 30, LINE 3, ADD PROBABLY AFTER AGREEMENT.

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NEW PARA 31, SHOULD READ: OTHER CONCLUSIONS WHICH
CAN BE DRAWN FROM THE DISAGGREGATED DATA ARE: (A) THE
EXCLUSION, ETC.

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NEW PARA 32, CHANGE SERVICEMEN TO READ PERSONNEL.

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PAGE 10, NEW PARA 28, MAKE SECOND SENTENCE READ:
THE DISCREPANCY IN THE POLISH FIGURES COULD BE, ETC.

NEW PARA 34, LAST LINE CHANGE 37 TO READ 33.

ANNEX A, PAGE 1, FOOTNOTE (5)(C) ADD: AND INCLUDED
UNDER MAJOR FORMATIONS AND OTHERS RESPECTIVELY.

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